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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 17, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 17, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this Response.

Replacement Sheets of drawings (Figs. 1, 3-7, 9 and 10) are attached to this Response.

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